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1. Production of 50,000 tons of gasoline with octane number 72 in 1954 by VEB Kombinat Otto Grotewohl, Boshlen, above and beyond the 1954 production plan is assured, because Soviet Union has undertaken the furnishing of the necessary catalysts. The Administration for Liquid Fuels in Production and Supply of the German Ministry for Heavy Industry has ordered the Boshlen unit to continue the production of gasoline with octane number 72 in 1954. The efforts of the East German Government to obtain gasoline from the Soviet deliveries of tetraethyl lead (TEL) have been successful.
2. In order to secure production of gasoline with octane number 72 in 1954, DIA has been ordered by the East German Government to secure gasoline from Western countries and particularly from the U.S. to supply the Research Center of VEB Kombinat Otto Grotewohl, Boshlen, with a research order which will be used for the development of work using ferrous compounds as a substitute for TEL. This research work started in late September 1954.

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1. Comment: Deutscher Innen- und Aussenhandel (German Internal and Foreign Trade).

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